# MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

# **PRESENT**

Councillors: Mrs. M. Harries, Mr. A. Joynes and Mr. R. Woodyatt.

# ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. G. Thomas, Clerk. Ms. R. Kedward, Clerk. Ms. L. Brideaux, Playleader. Councillor V. James.

# APOLOGIES

Councillors Mr. D. Cocks, Mrs. A. Jones, Miss J. Rao, Mr. C. Williams and Mrs D. Williams.

## 1480. MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were confirmed as a true record.

## 1481. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Joynes in the Chair welcomed the new Clerk Rebecca Kedward and the Playleader Lynsey Brideaux to the meeting. Cllr. Woodyatt reported that the brambles at Zoar Chapel had died back at the moment and it was unlikely that he could get someone to look at cutting them back until regrowth occurred.

## 1482. ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON

There was no report from the Police.

# 1483. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that a number of documents had been forwarded to Councillors by email and requested that Councillors contact her if any action was required.

The Chairman signed the contract of Employment for the new Clerk on behalf of the Council.

# 1484. <u>REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND</u> <u>COMMITTEES</u>.

The Clerk (GT) reported that she had at last been able to gain a place on a MAHPS course for the Playleader. The Clerk (RK) gave an update on progress regarding the Registration of the Playscheme and the new Data Protection Legislation which would commence in May 2018. The playleader gave a report on her attendance on the MAHPS course. A detailed discussion took place on how to move forward with preparation for the scheme. It was agreed that RK and Ms. Brideaux liaise over the adverts for staff and that the adverts be place as soon as possible. It was also agreed that a grant application be submitted to 'Awards for All' to help fund the playscheme. The matter of payment for attendance at the MAHPS course was discussed and it was agreed to pay a total of £200 plus travelling costs.

# 1485. **FINANCE**

Payments made by the Clerk under delegated powers were reported. The Council Tax Base for 2018-19 was reported as £771.48 per Band D equivalent.

## 2018-19 Budget and setting of the Precept.

The revised budget for 2017-18 was considered. There was projected to be a surplus of £3,997 against the original budget which predicted a breakeven situation. This was due to the playscheme not running offset by a provision for Section 137 Grants. The projected level of balances at 31/03/18 was £12,839. Part of these balances (£1,013) were not generally available as they were CIL funds. General balances were therefore predicted to be £11,826.

The budget for 2018-19 was considered and a deficit of £2,000 was predicted if the Precept remained at £18,300. It was agreed to set the Precept at £18,300 and to fund the deficit from balances. This would leave balances predicted to be £10,839 at 31/03/19. The balances made up of £9,826 general balances and £1,013 CIL.

#### 2018-19 Risk Assessment

The risk assessment was considered and approved.

## 1486. **PLANNING**

17/0981/FULL. Boot Road allotment, Main Road, Maesycwmmer. Site a wooden cabin for recreational purposes and occasional members meetings. Noted.

17/1009/LA Garage Site, Gwerna Crescent, Maesycwmmer. Demolish 14 garages and construct 10 pre-cast sectional garages on the existing slab. Noted.

17/1077/FULL 4 Gellideg Heights, Maesycwmmer CF82 7RL. Construct a first floor and associated reconfiguration works to bungalow. Noted at this stage.

17/1088/RET 4A Park Road, Maesycwmmer CF82 7QA. Retain and complete works to replace existing flat steel corrugated roof with a pitched roof on existing garden outbuilding.

## 1487. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Joynes reported a fallen tree and some dangerous spikes in the woodland. Cllrs. James and Woodyatt agreed to investigate. Cllr. James reported on action he was taking as a result of complaints from residents regarding dog fouling, garages in the village and the increase in traffic in the village due to the road works at Pwll Y Pant Roundabout.